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FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

NOVEMBER 4, 1991

CALL TO ORDER

The Faculty Senate of Eastern Kentucky University met on Monday, November 4, 1991, in the Faculty Dining Room of the Powell Building. The Acting Senate Chair, Ward Wright, called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

The following members of the Senate were absent:

*E. Cowan	V. Falkenberg	*L. Hayes
K. Henson	*G. Kleine	*N. Lee-Riffe.
*T. Ricks	*J. Rowlett	*I. Slusher
J. Thomas	*K. Tunnell	R. Vance
*D. Whitcopf		

*Indicates prior notification to Faculty Senate Secretary.

Visitors to the Senate were James Clark, Planning and Budget, and Tom Marshall, Eastern Progress.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Acting Chair Wright called for additions and corrections to the October 7, 1991, minutes. There being none, the minutes were approved as distributed.

REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT: DR. FUNDERBURK

Dr. Funderburk reported on a Council of Higher Education (CHE) meeting he had attended earlier in the day. It was not a good day for Eastern. The Council voted against its staff recommendation to establish a full Extended Campus Center at London/Corbin and Manchester. The Council approved by a 10-5 vote to let Somerset Community College establish an extended campus center in the London area. According to Dr. Funderburk the CHE has lost credibility with the regional universities. Eastern followed all criteria and policies of the Council in establishing extended campus centers, but apparently the CHE will not follow the recommendation of its own staff. Dr. Funderburk saw this event as a potentially divisive issue in higher education as the 1992 General Assembly approaches. Eastern's response to this setback will be to continue to serve the people of its region with the best possible low-cost, high-quality programs.

Dr. Funderburk next mentioned the CHE response to state government mandated budget cuts for higher education. The Council did not approve any higher education budget requests to the executive branch. The decision about the budget will be made later in the month. This postponement in part reflects the great uncertainty in state revenues. President Funderburk stated that it is highly unlikely that the CHE will recommend 100% of formula funding. With recent budget cuts Eastern is 21.69% below full formula funding.

He stated that Western Kentucky University at the Council meeting asked that its proposal to establish a doctoral program in education be deferred to a later meeting.

The President then reported on Eastern's budget cut. Eastern was cut 5% of its state appropriation, or \$2.65 million. Higher education absorbed 37% of all state agency budget cuts. Eastern's administration has taken every precaution to protect the quality of its academic programs. Right now no one will be laid off or asked to refund part of his or her salary. All budget heads were asked to be extra conservative until March 31st. Eastern will weather the storm better than most state universities because of sound fiscal management.

Dr. Funderburk accepted questions. He felt that a very dangerous precedent was set in allowing community colleges to open extended campus centers throughout the state. He viewed this as a direct threat to regional universities and wants to investigate the curriculum of community colleges. He felt some of the community college 200 level courses might in fact be senior level courses. He also stated that Eastern has contingency plans in case more state budget cuts are made.

REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: ACTING CHAIR WRIGHT

Senator Wright stated that at its meeting on October 21, 1991, the Executive Committee considered the following items:

1. Appointments to Ad Hoc Committee on Student Grade Appeal were Robert Burkhart, John Gump, Pat Jarczewski, Marijo Levan, and Robert Stebbins.
2. A request that Agenda Materials be sent to department chairs in an attempt to make these materials more easily accessible to faculty who are not in the Senate was discussed. Current practice is to send Agendas to all faculty, but accompanying Agenda Materials only to Senators. In the future, in addition to the notice at the bottom of the agenda inviting all faculty members to meetings, there will also be a notice stating that agenda materials are available from Senators.

3. Due dates for Committee reports were listed: Ad Hoc Committee to Study Extended Campus Teaching--April 1991, Merit Pay Committee--April 1991, Ad Hoc Committee to Study University Student Disciplinary Policies and Practices--December 1991, Ad Hoc Committee on Ethics in Research--December 1991, Ad Hoc Committee on Student Grade Appeal--March 1992.

REPORT FROM THE FACULTY REGENT: SENATOR KUHN

Senator Kuhn reported that the Board of Regents met on October 12, 1991, and approved personnel matters, approved establishment of the President's List to recognize students with a 4.0 grade point average, approved goals the Senate had previously approved for academic advising, adopted a resolution in support of Extended Campus Centers, and adopted a resolution thanking AT&T for a major grant in computer hardware. The grievance policy that the Senate passed last spring was sent to the Executive and Academic Affairs Committee of the Board along with suggested changes from the Council of Deans and the University Counsel.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee on Elections: Senator Engle

Senator Engle asked that if any Senator is going to be gone during the spring semester to make sure that he or she is replaced temporarily so that the college department will have full representation.

Committee on the Budget: Senator Freed

Senator Freed said that the Committee met on October 29, 1991 to discuss the problem of high costs to academic units for on-campus professional activities. The committee met with Vice-Presidents Schwendemen and Baldwin, Lucy Nelson, Director of Special Programs, and Greg Hopkins, Director of Food Services, to discuss this matter.

REPORT FROM THE COUNCIL ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS: SENATOR ENZIE

Senator Enzie moved the adoption of a recommendation from the Department of Technology to change the title of an option to the M.S. in Industrial Education from Teaching to Technology Education. The motion was seconded by Senator Falk and approved unanimously by voice vote.

Senator Enzie moved the adoption of a recommendation from the Department of Technology for a new option, Industrial Training, to the M.S. in Industrial Education. The motion was seconded by Senator Freed and approved unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Senate, Senator Enzie moved adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 4:01 p.m.

Charles C. Hay III
Faculty Senate Secretary